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Galati

- Most of the piers and wharves at Galati are not in good condition. The ships usually moor at barges to load and unload. Warehouses are used for all goods except lumber. Soldiers unload lumber from the trains, and civilian workmen load it aboard ship.
- In the harbor there is a mobile, jointed-boom crane of about five tons capacity. There are four cranes mounted on barges which operate at a fixed height; each has a capacity of about two tons. The mobile crane with the cranes on the barges can load about 600 tons of cement in 18 hours. In addition there are two cranes of about one ton capacity operating at points near the shore.
- The roads in the port are poor. Trains, horse carts, and barges towed by a Zetor mark tug are used for transportation of goods. The furnishings and accommodations of the trains are poor; the Army Engineer Corps is responsible for their repair. The military building, where passes are issued to seamen going ashore, is filthy on the inside. The soldiers there acted as if they have no responsibility to any authority.
- There is a shipyard with three ways building tugboats and lighters; about 10 to 12 tugs and lighters were under construction. In the yard there is a large fixed crane. Electric lights on three iron poles illuminate the area around the crane at night.
- Soviet officers are often encountered in Galati. Tank insignia was noted on the collars of some officers. The sound of Soviet jet planes can be heard daily. The planes are dark gray in color and have swept wings. Single planes are often observed.
- Reni: When [] ship passed Reni at 0500 hours, about 300 soldiers from a Soviet barracks were seen using an area of bushes and trees in lieu of toilet facilities.

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7. Sulina: On the north side of the river at Sulina there is a small dock-yard at which a tug and dredger were under repair.

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